

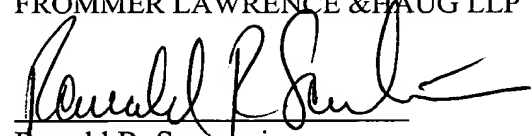
**REMARKS**

The claims of the above referenced application have been amended to remove all multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an early examination of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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APPENDIX:

4. (Amended) Process for inducible high-level mammalian gene expression with the option of cell growth control comprising the steps of

- (d) transfecting or transforming mammalian cells with an expression vector or expression vectors, respectively, according to claim 2,
- (e) culturing said mammalian cells, or transfected or transformed mammalian cells according to the expression vector(s) of claim 2 [claim 3], in a suitable medium, and,
- (f) optionally, controlling the growth of said mammalian cells by varying the concentration and the duration of exposure to estradiol in the medium.